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LETTER DATED 30 JANUARY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present herewith the text of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Abdul Rahim Ghafoorzai, Acting Foreign Minister of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, requesting you to convene a meeting of the Security Council to consider the grave situation in the districts situated north of Kabul.

(Signed) Dr. A. G. Ravan FARHADI
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 30 January 1997 from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to my letter to you dated 19 January 1997 concerning the forcible transfer and deportation of the civilian population of the districts north of Kabul (S/1997/54, annex), I inform you with deep sorrow that the inhuman practice of mass deportation of ethnic Tajik residing in the districts north of Kabul is being continued by the Taliban mercenaries.

The Islamic State of Afghanistan strongly believes that this heinous act committed by the Taliban mercenaries is a crime against humanity which is the subject of special tribunals in other parts of the world.

It is the earnest expectation of the people and of the Islamic State of Afghanistan that the Security Council will address appropriately the grave violations of international humanitarian law committed by the Taliban mercenaries and those who are advising, aiding and abetting them as accomplices.

It is also expected that the Secretariat will inform the Security Council, in accordance with operative paragraph 13 of Council resolution 1076 (1996) of 22 October 1996, about the political, military and humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, which will obviously include the recent ethnic cleansing by the Taliban, which has been widely reported and witnessed by impartial observers and the international mass media.

On the basis of the above facts I have the honour to request you to convene and urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the grave situation in the districts situated north of Kabul resulting from ethnic cleansing by the Taliban.

(Signed) Abdul Rahim GHAFOORZAI
Acting Foreign Minister